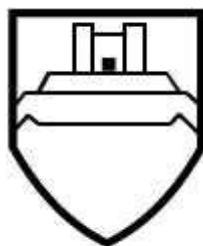


Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC
Primary School
Newsletter

Tuesday 12th May 2026



Life in all its fullness
John 10:10



Our theme for assembly this term
is

Friendship

‘Encourage one another and build
each other up.’

1 Thessalonians 5.11



Thank you to all those who have sent sun cream, named, in a bag. As you can imagine ensuring 30 children all get the correct sun cream is a challenge!

Year 6 started their week of SAT's. I have reminded them that the SATs is a test to tell us what they can do on one day when they are 10 or 11. The SATs do not measure how kind they are, if they are a good friend, a good sports person or are artistic or all of the other things your children excel at.

I am incredibly proud of each and every child in year 6 and, whatever happens this week, I will continue to be so.

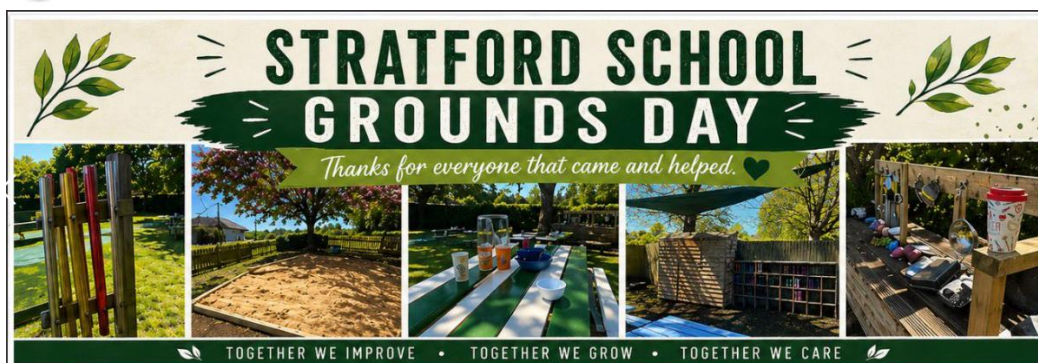
Good luck to all taking part in the Mini Marathon this Saturday, 16th May. Letters along with race numbers were sent home at mini marathon practice last night. If your child has not received theirs, please talk to Mrs Waters.

Look out for our big Stratford sail banners when you arrive on Saturday, we are usually opposite the portaloos!



OPAL Grounds day #2

We had a very successful 2nd grounds day a couple of weeks ago. A big thank you to those who came and helped. The children are really enjoying the sandpit, and the painted benches have revitalised the mud kitchen.



Date for your diary – Monday 29th June 2:00pm. OPAL Stay and Play afternoon.
Come and learn more about OPAL and play with your children!

Active Uniform update

As I have previously mentioned in a newsletter our uniform will continue to be the same for the rest of this year. Any changes that are made will be **phased** in from September and children will still be able to wear the uniform they have if they want to.

I have been in contact with a local company who are currently in the process of making up some sample active uniform with our school logo on for me to show you. I am confident this will be with me before half term and I will arrange a time for you to come and see it. You will be able to order this uniform online and either collect from their business in Longhedge, or have it delivered to you at home. More details on this will follow soon.

Our other uniform will still be available from My Clothing and School Trends for now too.

From September 2026 our main uniform will be an active uniform

- Plain black/navy joggers or leggings
- Plain black/navy shorts or cycling shorts (for warmer weather)
- Royal blue or white polo shirt/t-shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt/hoodie (with or without zip)/cardigan/ ¾ zip top/fleece (branded with Stratford logo or plain)
- Socks (with some spare in their bag!)
- Plain trainers or trainer style shoe (black, white or blue preferable)

Other options

- Black/grey trousers or skirt
- Black/grey pinafore dress or blue summer dress
- Black school shoes

The active uniform **must** be worn on PE days (information regarding these days is always sent out at the beginning of the school year.)

Class photographs: Wednesday 20th May 2026

Each class will have their photograph taken for posterity. Please let the school office know if you do not wish your child to be included in the photo of their class. **Please do this by Tuesday 19th May.**

We expect the proofs to be delivered to school soon after the half term holiday. May I remind you that you are under **no obligation to purchase!**

Please can you ensure your child has the correct school uniform on with a school/royal blue jumper or cardigan.

JUNE FAYRE - Friday 26th June 2026

Our June Summer Fayre is always a wonderful, fun evening when the whole community comes together. Please remember that all the funds raised by the FOSS go towards enhancing the experiences of each child in school. The FOSS always contribute to the transport costs of any event or educational visit we do as well as paying for our OPAL subscription. They have also supported the school in buying books, i-pads and other technology that is needed.

For more information regarding the June Fayre please see letter from the FOSS attached.

BOTTLE WEEK! MONDAY 8TH JUNE – FRIDAY 12TH JUNE

Traditionally we hold bottle week at the beginning of June, so that we can have a brilliant bottle tombola at the school **June Fayre**. This has always proved to be very successful, thanks to some of you having a real competitive streak! This is the second week back after the break so I thought I'd give you some advance warning!

Points System

- 50 points = a bottle of spirit
- 20 points = a bottle of wine/alcohol
- 10 points = a bottle of lemonade/squash, ketchup, shampoo, bubble bath etc.
- 5 points= a bottle of water

This is not an exhaustive list and all your ideas/contributions will be welcomed. If a bottle is not on the list, then I reserve the right to categorise it and award points. I am the referee and my decision is final!!! I may give bonus points for the most unusual and interesting bottles. The class with the most points on **Friday 12th June** will be awarded an extra play-time or another prize of their choice which doesn't cost any money and is safe!

**THERE WILL BE A CRATE FOR EACH CLASS AT THE GATE TO PUT YOUR BOTTLES IN THAT WEEK.
MANY THANKS!**

Bags2School Collection – Thursday 21st May 2026

We will be having another collection for Bags2School on Thursday 21st May. If you are having a sort out please save your items and **bring them to school in a black bag on the morning of Thursday 21st May** and put in the gated area at the front of school. The bags are being picked up that day and this will help us to do the minimum of carrying and moving! For each kilo of items collected we will receive a cash amount towards FOSS funds.

Please see below for what you can put in your bags!

Bags2School...

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, ladies' and children's clothing ✓
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, hats, bags, scarves and ties
- Jewellery, lingerie, socks, belts
- Household linen, curtains and towels
- Soft toys

Bags2School...

We DO NOT accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

CLUBS

This week is the last week of clubs for Art, Stories & Craft, KS1 and KS2 Multi Sports, Environment and Choir. They restart w/b Monday 8th June.

Gymnastics finishes Monday 18th May and Dance finishes Friday 22nd May. More information to follow regarding term 6 dates for these paid for clubs.

Kindest regards

Justine Watkins

2026 -2026	
TERM 5	
EVENT	DATE
Key Stage 2 SATs Week/Assessment Week.	w/b Monday 11.05.26
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls.	w/b 18.05.26
Class Photographs	Wednesday 20.05.26
ALL BREAK for HOLIDAY	Friday 22.05.26
TERM 6	
Teacher Development Day 5	Monday 01.06.26
ALL BACK TO SCHOOL	Tuesday 02.06.26
No clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	w/b Tuesday 02.06.26
Clubs commence	w/b Monday 08.06.26
Meeting for Parents of new intake September 2026	Wednesday 17.06.26
Induction Session 1: Year R September 2026	Tuesday 23.06.26
June Fayre	Friday 26.06.26
Induction Session 2: Year R September 2026	Tuesday 30.06.26
Sports day	Thursday 02.07.26
Induction Session 3: Year R September 2026	Tuesday 07.07.26
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 09.07.26
No Clubs except Early Birds and Night Owls	From w/b Monday 13.07.26
Family Open Evening – all welcome	Thursday 16.07.26
Leavers' Service in St Lawrence Church	Wednesday 22.07.26 @ 09:00
No Night Owls on Wednesday 22nd July 2026 School finishes at 13:15	